

Application No. 10/036,469

REMARKS

Claims 10 to 13, 16 to 27, 30, 31, 33, 38 to 41, 44, 45, and 47 to 71 are pending in the application. The Examiner has subjected the claims to a restriction requirement and claims 10 to 13, 17 to 27, 30, 31, 38 to 41, and 47 to 56 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 16, 45, 57 to 61, and 64 to 66 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Tsubaki et al. (U.S. Patent 4,448,948). Claim 62 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsubaki et al. Claims 16, 33, 45, and 69 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsubaki et al. Claims 44, 63, 67, 68, 70, and 71 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, and have been indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants have rewritten claims 44, 67, 70, and 71 in independent form, thereby placing them in condition for allowance.

The Examiner has rejected claim 62 under §103 as being unpatentable under Tsubaki et al., stating that this reference makes obvious the composition of claim 62 which illustrates $n=4$, holding that "about 5" is held to encompass 4. While Applicants disagree with this position, to facilitate prosecution, Applicants have amended claim 62 to remove the term "about" from this claim, and believe that this amendment places the claim in condition for allowance. Applicants have also amended claim 16 to recite that n is at least 5, and believe that this amendment also places claim 16 and the claims depending therefrom in condition for allowance.

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Applicants believe that the foregoing amendments and distinctions place the claims in condition for allowance, and accordingly respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds for rejection.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, she is hereby authorized to call Applicant(s) attorney, Judith L. Byorick, at Telephone Number (585) 423-4564, Rochester, New York.

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